

REMARKS

In paragraph 18 of the Action, claims 13-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. In paragraph 20 of the Action, claims 1-5, 7-9, 13-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO '999 in view of Brady et al.

In view of the rejections, an interview was made with Mr. Terrel Morris, SPE, to discuss the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph and by the prior art. As a result of the discussion, an agreement was made for claim 13 for solving the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, and no amendment would be required for claims 14 and 15.

In regard to the prior art rejection, it was suggested that "a fibrous network in a form of a mesh formed of a hot-melt adhesive as a thermally fusible component, said fibrous network contacting and covering said solid SAP to trap and hold the solid SAP so that said solid SAP is held in position" as now recited in amended claim 1 would not be obvious from the cited references.

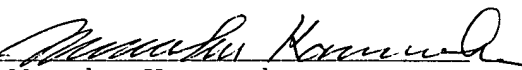
In view of the suggestion, claim 1 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Claims 7, 8 and 13 have been amended, similar to claim 1. The Examiner's comments and suggestions at the time of the interview are appreciated.

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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